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PUBLIC PAYS THE PRICE OF APATHY

The steel kings are cautious, businesslike, and deeply interested in psycho-analysis. They always study the mental reaction of the people. The price of steel depends largely on the conditions, but the steel men know that despite the coal strike the present is not propitious to ask for more money. Eventually, of course, the coal strike will result in an advance in steel prices. That is a forgone conclusion. But a tilt in the prices now would react unfavorably, and so the great captains of the industry gripe their teeth and await "der tag." Those whose business it is to watch industrial movements predict that July will see the end of the coal conflict. By that time the miners are likely to have reached the breaking point of endurance, and it is then the public may expect to read in those newspapers whose publishers are the constant and willing victims of the industrial press agents the accepted propaganda preparing the public mind for a read on the pocket book. Both coal and steel will advance in price unless the unforeseen takes place, and there is likely to be a race for the first bid, with the chances in favor of the steelmen. Certainly someone must pay the cost of storage of production and of course the victim will be the good old patient public. If the people only realized how much their pocket books are stripped because they fail to interest themselves in anything that does not strike immediately into the home, we might see a revival of community activity and a unification of public opinion that would result in more harmonious conditions. Every day the coal strike—quite ignored by mortgage on the individual citizen, who still passes her days of life serenely and unmindful of the fact that he is continuously caught between the nether millstones. The Lord helps those who help themselves, and consequently good care is taken of the coal and steel barons.

TIME TO BUILD YOUR HOME

If figures talk at all, they are now shouting to those who contemplate building homes to get busy and let their contracts. Moreover, they tell the same story in every state in the union. An examination of the figures just completed by the United States is now 25 per cent

below 1920, and every indication is that from this time on any change is more likely to be upward than downward.

Great volumes of money have been released for building purposes, as forecast some months ago. The result in building activity is found in all sections of the United States. The price of materials has taken a considerable tumble, and while wages remain high, nevertheless, the readjustment has been downward rather than upward. Experts agree that prices, both for material and labor, never will reach the pre-war standard, and with the increasing activity labor certainly will hold its own and material will go up in price by reason of greatly increased demand.

HOMIE PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

Don't it seem fine to get into your boat, lie face up in the sunlight and drift down the stream of life without a care in the world? You pass hundreds of rocks, the eddies switch the boat from side to side and you get by safely, maybe with here and there a little scratch but not enough to set you worrying. An' then you get it. Bump, an' over the falls you go. Boy, what a smash! If you have any thinkin' apparatus left you see where you tried to beat the game an' it didn't work out. Old Cap Nature says you've got to take hold of the oars an' row up stream if you want to land safely. Sometimes you've got to row mighty hard to make headway but you might as well tackle the job, because, there's no room for argument. Every river ends on the rocks or in the mudbanks and that's where the fellow lands who drifts down the stream.

Uncle John's Jr.

ONE SAID, "I CAN'T LET GEORGE DO IT." GEORGE DID, AND GOT THE CREDIT.

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CHRISTAIN A. HERTER



Christian A. Herter, private secretary to Secretary Hoover, who has gone to Russia to study conditions in the Volga famine area.

RAIL EMPLOYEES GET ANOTHER WAGE CUT

Chicago. — The United States rail labor board, pruning nearly \$27,000,000 from the annual payroll of 325,000 railway employes by cutting clerks, signal men and stationary firemen from 2 to 5 cents an hour, announced another wage slash, bringing total reductions under the board's orders up to \$135,000,000, beginning July 1.

The clerks were cut 3 and 4 cents an hour, according to their classification; the signal men 5 cents and the firemen 2 cents.

Approximately 1,200,000 railway employes will share the total reduction, which has brought vigorous protest from every union organization involved, and will result in a strike vote being taken by 10 railway labor bodies.

A dissenting opinion, protesting against any reduction, was included in the decision, as was the case in the two previous cuts from the maintenance-of-way laborers and the shopmen.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Germany Saturday paid the regular monthly installment of 50,000,000 gold marks for reparations.

Premier Nikolai Lenin has been ordered by his physicians to leave Russia and enter a sanitarium at Dresden, in Saxony, according to reports from Moscow.

The liquor business in British Columbia under government control will amount to approximately \$10,000,000 and profits will total nearly \$2,000,000 for the year, it is reported.

The North Dakota Wheat Growers' association, which controls between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, has joined the Northwest Wheat Growers' association.

Summer tourist fares, which are lower than for several years, have stimulated railroad travel westward tremendously, according to reports from Chicago passenger agents.

A comprehensive agreement covering all phases of Mexico's external debt problem was signed in New York by the Mexican minister of finance, De la Huerta, and the international committee of bankers on Mexico.

Life For Oregon Woman's Slayer.
Jackson, Mich.—George Straub, confessed slayer of Alice Mallet, pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the Jackson county court, and was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for life in Marquette prison. Miss Mallet, former Ontario, Ore., girl, who was matron at a girls' home, was murdered about ten days ago, having apparently been attacked with an ax. Her head was crushed and her body mutilated in a night attack as she was en route to her home.

Western States Get More Loans.
Washington, W. C. — Agricultural and livestock loans for the northwest announced by the war finance corporation include the following: Oregon, \$40,000; Washington, \$26,000; Idaho, \$172,000.

Senator Hale Wins in Maine.
Portland, Me. — Senator Frederick Hale, republican, won an easy victory in the state primaries. The vote cast for him was larger than the total for his two opponents.

Great Morvich Beaten in Race.
New York. — Morvich, hailed as America's unbeatable 3 year old, was beaten in the Carlton stakes at the Aqueduct track by Whiskaway by eight lengths.

WHY BOARDMAN?

Because the

Climate is Good,

People are

Sociable
Intelligent
Enterprising

Town is New and Growing

Location Well Chosen

Half way between The Dalles and Pendleton
On O-W Railroad
On Columbia River

Soil Will Raise Anything

Water for Irrigation from West Extension of Umatilla Project

McKay Creek Dam

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Chautauqua

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